



CHARITIES SELECTED FOR 2005

Belgian Charities:

- 1) Centre d'Aide à l'Enfance du War Memorial (Etterbeek): The mission of this center for children's aid is the care for, treatment of, and education of children within the Francophone community that suffer from mental disabilities that negatively affect their motor skills. The center includes a special needs school, "Les Carrefours".
- 2) Dyadis (Brussels): Dyadis provides, free of charge, specially trained dogs to assist physically disabled persons with simple daily tasks such as picking up objects, fetching the mail, turning lights on etc. Dyadis oversees the selection and initial education of the dog, monitors the dog's two year stay at a host family, distributes the dog to the most needy patients and follows up and finances the actual placement with the disabled patient.
- 3) Fondation Home Emile Rolland (Mons): Emile Rolland houses some 30 children from troubled families, placed away from home by the legal system or Youth Services. They receive social, educational and psychological support in order to ensure a smooth return to mainstream society.
- 4) Monte Rosa (Kessel-Lo): Monte Rosa is a center that takes charge of some 44 children that have been placed away from their families by Youth Courts or Children's Aid. Depending on the age of the child, Monte Rosa offers four levels of living arrangements: from group living within the center to independent, but assisted, living outside Monte Rosa.
- 5) De Okkernoot (Vollezele): This center provides full time accommodation to 26 people that suffer from autism, and daycare to another 14 patients. A team of professionals and volunteers deals with the specific problems of autistic persons, namely difficulties with communication, personal planning and social interactions.
- 6) Talander (Arendonk): This center provides care and accommodation to 12 young people with severe mental disabilities. Since their disabilities severely limit their possibilities, Talander teaches them organizational and social skills by means of theater and stage experiences.
- 7) Therapeutisch Dagcentrum Eindelijk (Buggenhout): This daycare center provides meaningful occupation, revalidation therapy and support for families and assists reintegration into mainstream society for patients that suffer from a mental disability that is the result of a traffic accident or other trauma (acquired brain damage). Since these patients are not born with the disability, they require specially tailored care. The center currently has 23 patients and a waiting list of more than 40 patients.

International Charities:

- 1) Association Angkor-Belgique (Brussels): This long-established organization assists Cambodian refugees in Thailand and, back home, in Cambodia. Currently, their focus is on educating Cambodian children whose families have been refugees. They request the help of the NWB to construct a three-classroom school in the village of Tonle Bati.
- 2) Brothers of Charity-Effata Project (Gent): The Brothers of Charity are a long established international humanitarian organization. They request assistance for a special project in Romania that provides daycare and assistance to 30 children with aids and HIV. Romania has the highest number of such children in Europe. The Effata project, located in the town of Timisoara, provides medical, social, psychological and educational support to the children who range in age from 6 until 18 years.
- 3) International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (Copenhagen, Denmark): The IRCT conducts a wide range of activities and projects to prevent torture and to rehabilitate torture victims. IRCT is recognized and sponsored by a large number of national governments and NGO's as well as by the UN and the European Commission. They seek assistance from the NWB for a three-phased project to assist the thousands of men in Iraq whose ear or ears were amputated, without anaesthesia, as a punishment for army defection. In the first stage of the project, Iraqi nurses and doctors are trained in reconstructive ear surgery. In the second phase, reconstructive ear surgery is provided to 450 people in the Basra region. The third phase expands treatment throughout Iraq.
- 4) Katrina – International Red Cross: The desperate plight of the tens of thousands of people that are displaced by hurricane Katrina that struck on Monday August 29 2005 is well known. Current estimates indicate that the clean up and reconstruction effort will continue for another 4 to 6 months. The European Red Cross has opened its fundraising campaign to the cause.
- 5) Medecins sans Frontières (Brussels): (Doctors without Borders) Project MG 405. This well-known international medical humanitarian organization has been a regular recipient of the NATO Wives Bazaar. This year's project wishes to assist with the rapidly deteriorating famine in Niger, Africa. A three-week period and a mere 42 Euros per child allow MSF to treat and "re-nourish" a malnourished child. MSF estimates that currently one QUARTER of the population of Niger suffers from malnourishment and presses the need to intervene before the situation spirals out of control.
- 6) NONA meCHILD (De Pinte): (No-name child) Nona me child has been very successful in managing aid to children in Romania since the fall of the Ceausescu regime. They closely manage small-scale projects in Romania from their Belgian office, staffed by volunteers. They request a contribution from the NWB for a small school that they run within the MS Curie Hospital in Bucharest. This school provides education to children that are hospitalised for long periods.